

# Memorandum



**Date:**

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM – DELETION OF PROJECT NUMBER 251 - “FLORIDA MEMORIAL HEAD START CENTER”, AND ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS FROM PROJECT NUMBER 251 IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$137,418 TO PROJECT NUMBER 300 - “REGIONAL HEAD START CENTER”

## **Recommendation**

The Community Action Agency Board (“the CAA Board”) recommends that the Board of County Commissioners (“the Board”) adopt the attached resolution, which approves the deletion of Building Better Communities - General Obligation Bond Program (the “BBC-GOB Program”) Project Number 251 “Florida Memorial Head Start Center” from Appendix A of Resolution No. 917-04 (“Authorizing Resolution”) after a public hearing, and from Appendix A of Resolution No. 1154-08, which lists projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program’s Series 2008B Bond proceeds (the “Series 2008B Resolutions”) and allocate the remaining funds from Project Number 251 in the approximate amount of \$137,418 to Project Number 300 “Regional Head Start Center”.

Deletion of Project Number 251 - “Florida Memorial Head Start Center”

| Item                           | Original BBC Project   | Modified BBC Project |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Project Name                   | Florida Memorial Head Start Center   |                      |
| Project Number                 | 251  | <b>Deletion</b>      |
| Project Location               | 4255 NW 156 Street   |                      |
| Project Description            | Complete renovations and improvements to Community Action Agency (CAA) permanent facility. |                      |
| Total Remaining BBC Allocation | \$137,418  |                      |

Allocation of funds from Project Number 251 to Project Number 300 - “Regional Head Start Center”

| Item                | Original BBC Project  | Modified BBC Project |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Project Name        | Regional Head Start Center  |                      |
| Project Number      | 300   |                      |
| Project Location    | TBD   |                      |
| Project Description | Construct a regional Head Start education and Training Center in central Miami- |                      |

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|                      | Dade to provide services to 200 eligible children that are currently not served. |  |
| Total BBC Allocation | \$6,037,418  |  |

### **Scope**

Project Number 251 - "Florida Memorial Head Start Center" is located within Miami-Dade County Commission District 1 and Project Number 300 - "Regional Head Start Center" is located within Miami-Dade County Commission District 2 and will serve residents County wide.

### **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact on the existing BBC GOB Program allocation due to the deletion of Project Number 251 and the subsequent allocation of funds from Project Number 251 to Project Number 300.

### **Track Record/Monitor**

The implementing agency is the Miami-Dade General Services Administration (GSA), through Fernando Ponassi, Manager, Contracts Administration Section/GOB Coordinator.

### **Background**

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved the eight (8) referendum questions to fund more than 300 capital improvements throughout the County over the next 15 to 20 years. Appendix A to each resolution approving the referendum question listed projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program by number, name, and project description. All additions, deletions, and significant modifications to Appendix A require a majority vote of the Board following a public hearing. BBC-GOB Project No. 251 - "Florida Memorial Head Start Center" was one of several GSA projects listed in Appendix A to the Authorizing Resolution with a total allocation of \$160,000.

On November 20, 2008, the Board adopted the Series 2008B resolution. Appendix A to the Series 2008B Resolution itemized the list of projects eligible for funding from the BBC-GOB Program's Series 2008B bond proceeds. This list included Project Number 251 - "Florida Memorial Head Start Center" which needs to be deleted from this list.

BBC-GOB Project Number 251 provided \$160,000 to complete renovations and improvements to the CAA Florida Memorial Head Start Center. The renovation of this center was intended to address health and safety issues. An initial assessment of the center by GSA revealed the presence of mold. A thorough evaluation performed by EBS Engineering, Inc. confirmed the presence of mold and indicated that the cost to eradicate the mold would be in excess of ( ). The total cost allocated for the renovations/improvements was \$160,000. Staff determined renovation of the aging center would be cost prohibitive.

Transferring the funding allocation to existing BBC-GOB Project Number 300 - "Regional Head Start Center" will ensure the most successful utilization of the funds intended for the improvement and/or construction of a Head Start Center.

This recommendation was presented to the BBC-GOB Advisory Committee ("CAC") at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_. This item was forwarded to the BCC with a favorable/unfavorable recommendation by the CAC.

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